

against the locator surfaces, and thereafter operating the bedknife grinder by traversing the grinding wheel along the bedknife so as to sharpen the front edge of the bedknife as it is held [in] against the locator surfaces.

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2. (Amended) [The method according to] A method of installing a bedknife in a reel blade mower to be aligned with a reel blade in said mower, said bedknife mounted in said reel blade mower by means of a pivot mount at each end thereof, comprising the steps of first sharpening said bedknife by the method steps set forth in claim 1, and further including the step of aligning the bedknife pivot mounts to [the] a reel blade installed in said reel blade mower by adjusting the pivot mount positions in the reel mower.

3. (Amended) The method according to claim 1 further including the further step of mechanically clamping each bedknife to said locator surfaces.

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 remain in the application.

The specification and claims have been amended to hopefully obviate the various objections and rejections applied thereto.

The drawings are proposed to be corrected as set forth in the accompanying Letter.

The prior art patents cited do not appear to remotely suggest

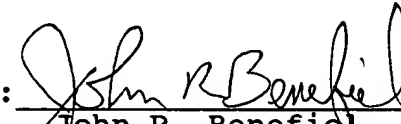
the claimed method, and hence it is respectfully urged that the present application is in condition for allowance.

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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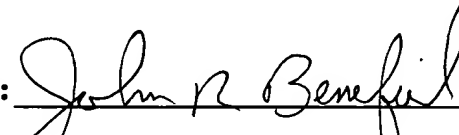

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